

### **Amendments to the Claims**

The following claim listing reflects the status of the claims pending in this application.

Claims 1-12 ***(Canceled)***

13. ***(Currently amended)*** The arrangement recited in claim [12] 17, wherein the glass arm comprises a lower surface and the elongated element comprises an upper surface shaped to substantially conform to the lower surface of the glass arm.

14. ***(Currently amended)*** The arrangement recited in claim [12] 13, wherein the lower surface of the glass arm comprises a sinuous lower surface and wherein the upper surface of the elongated element substantially conforms to the sinuous lower surface of the glass arm.

15. ***(Currently amended)*** The arrangement recited in claim [12] 17, further comprising at least one means for mounting an ornament to the brace.

16. ***(Original)*** The arrangement recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one means for mounting an ornament to the brace comprises a u-shaped channel in the elongated element.

17. ***(Previously Presented)*** An arrangement for supporting a decorative fixture, the arrangement comprising:

a glass arm having a first end adapted to mount to a support and a second free end adapted for mounting the decorative fixture;

a brace for supporting the glass arm, the brace comprising:

an elongated element having a first end adapted to mount to the support and a free second end; and

at least one platform located between the first end and the second end of the elongated element, the platform adapted to support the glass arm; and

a cushioning material located on the platform.

18. **(Cancelled)**

19. **(Currently amended)** The method as recited in claim [18] 20, wherein the arm of the ornamental fixture comprises a sinuous lower surface and the brace comprises a sinuous upper surface, wherein mounting the arm of the ornamental fixture further comprises substantially mating the lower surface of the arm with the upper surface of the brace.

20. **(Previously Presented)** A method of supporting an arm of an ornamental fixture, the method comprising:

providing a brace comprising an elongated element having a first end adapted to mount to a support and a free second end, and at least one platform located between the first end and the second end, the platform adapted to support the arm of the fixture:

mounting the first end of the brace to the support;

mounting the arm of the ornamental fixture to the support and to the brace wherein the arm is supported by the at least one platform; and

positioning a cushioning material between the arm and the platform of the brace.

Claims 21-22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement recited in claim [12] 17, wherein the glass arm comprises a length, and wherein the platform is located at least half the length from the first end of the glass arm.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The arrangement recited in claim [12] 17, wherein the glass arm comprises a length, and wherein the glass arm is supported by the at least one platform at a location at least half the length from the first end of the glass arm.

25. **(New)** The arrangement as recited in claim 17, wherein the platform comprises a plate mounted to the elongated element.

26. **(New)** The arrangement recited in claim 25 wherein the plate comprises a perforated plate adapted to mount on one or more projections on the elongated element.

27. **(New)** The arrangement as recited in claim 17, wherein the elongated element comprises at least one perforation.

28. **(New)** The arrangement as recited in claim 17, wherein the elongated element comprises a thickness between about 0.10 inches and about 3.0 inches.

29. **(New)** The arrangement as recited in claim 17, wherein the platform comprises a surface on the elongated element.

30. **(New)** The arrangement as recited in claim 17, wherein the elongated element comprises a curvilinear upper surface that substantially conforms to a lower surface of the glass arm.